

# SD Highway 12 • Milbank to Mobridge

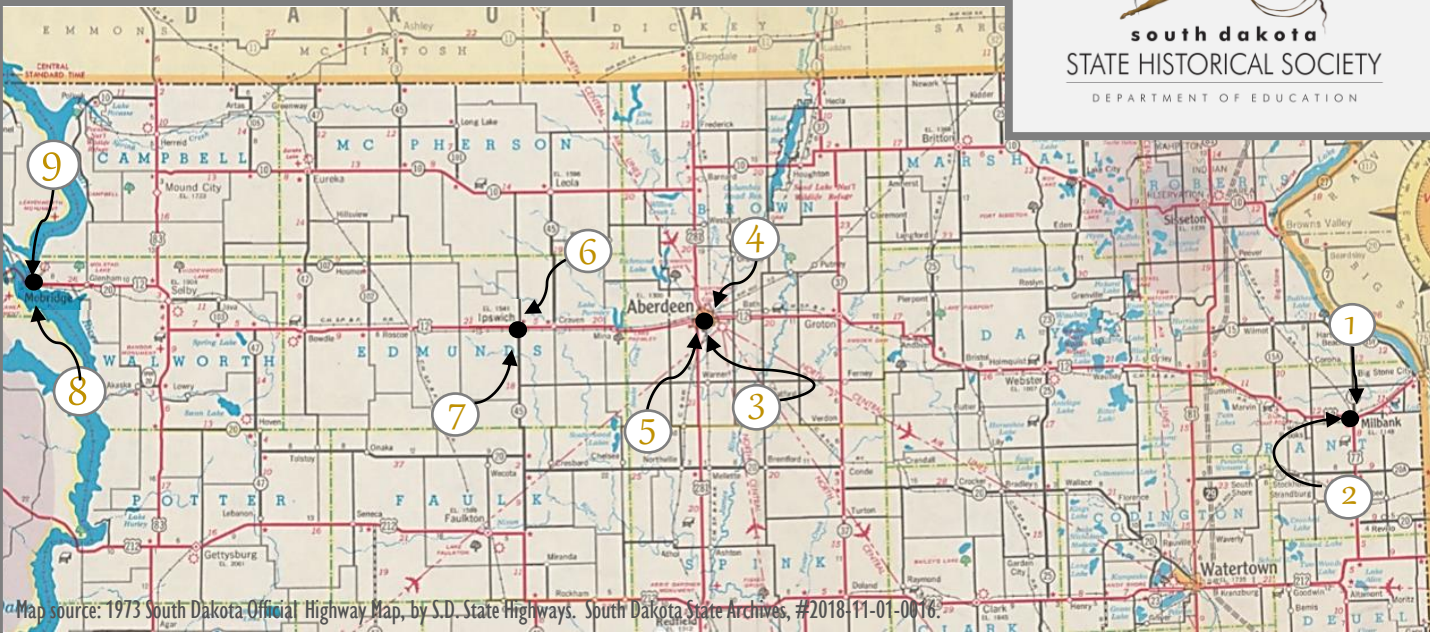
## A Preservation Adventure

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### 1 Milbank Grist Mill and Park

Built c.1884, the Grist Mill in Grant County Memorial Park represents the oldest industrial structures from the settlement era in the Dakotas. English immigrant Henry Holland constructed the mill based on an English design. It could generate wind power equal to twenty horsepower. Volunteers reconstructed the mill based on the deteriorated original in 1997-2009.

Located at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Flynn Dr. Parking lot is on Flynn Dr.  
Tours and demonstrations are available — info at [milbanksd.com/visitor/attractions](http://milbanksd.com/visitor/attractions)



### 2 Grant County Historical Museum, Milbank

Built in 1906 as the Milbank Carnegie Library, the building is a Neoclassical design with dentil molding at the cornice, Doric columns, and a small dome on the roof. After a new library building opened in 1979, the Grant County Historical Museum started their local history museum here in 1982. They also have a number of historical buildings around the county to visit.

Located at 211 S. Third St. On-street parking available.  
Museum is open by special appointment. For more information, please visit: [grantcountysdmuseums.org/about-gchs](http://grantcountysdmuseums.org/about-gchs)



### 3 Wylie Park and Pavilion, Aberdeen

Located next to Wylie Lake, northwest of Aberdeen, the c.1917 historic park pavilion is notable for the public dances held there through the 1940s, as well as political gatherings, club and scout outings, and more. It can still be reserved and rented for gatherings. Also, Wylie Park offers recreational trails, a beach, and playgrounds—along with Storybook Land and the Land of Oz children's park!

Located along US Highway 281 by Wylie Lake. Parking is available on-site. Visit [aberdeen.sd.us/242/Wylie-Park-Storybook-Land](http://aberdeen.sd.us/242/Wylie-Park-Storybook-Land) to learn more about attractions and availability.



### 4 Aberdeen Commercial Historic District

Since its earliest building in 1884, this historic district has served as a hub for the area's commerce and features a range of commercial architecture. While businesses have come and gone over the years, many of the oldest buildings' details still reflect the original occupants.

The Historic District is located along Main Street between Railroad Ave and US Highway 12. Street parking available.

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## Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen

Built in 1904, the Brown County Courthouse serves as an excellent example of the Renaissance Revival style in the Midwest. It is a center of civic government for the county. With features like a statue of Lady Justice on its dome, stained glass windows, and Corinthian-style granite columns, its worth a stop to check out this courthouse.

Located at 25 Market St.  
Parking available along the street or in the courthouse's parking lot located north of the building. Interior access is limited to working hours.



## Edmunds County Courthouse, Ipswich

Dedicated in 1935, this Art Deco styled courthouse was built using a grant through the 1933 National Industrial Recovery Act, passed to aid in the nation's economic recovery. This courthouse is one of many public works and civic structures in South Dakota built with funding support from New Deal programs.

Located at 210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Parking available along the street or in the courthouse's parking lot located north of the building. Interior access is limited to working hours.



## Marcus P. Beebe Memorial Library, Ipswich

Built between 1930-1931, this Tudor Revival style building has been the town's library since it opened. The family of Marcus P. Beebe built this library in his memory. Beebe was an early town pioneer, owner of the Ipswich Bank, and very active in community events until his death in 1914.

Located at 120 Main St.  
Parking is located along the street. For open hours, please check:  
[ipswichsd.yoursdlibrary.org](http://ipswichsd.yoursdlibrary.org)



## Mobridge Auditorium (Scherr-Howe Arena)

While boasting an impressive Art Deco styled exterior, the real gem of this 1936 building are the many large murals in its auditorium. The 1941 murals are early works of renowned Yanktonai artist, Oscar Howe (1915-1983). They were a project of the Works Progress Administration's state art program. The five murals along the gymnasium's south wall represent "Ceremonies of the Sioux," while the murals along the north wall depict stories of "History Along the Missouri River."

Located at 212 Main St. Parking available along the street.  
Murals are open to the public Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, and visitors can check-in with the Chamber of Commerce office on the south side of the lobby.



## A.H. Brown Public Library, Mobridge

After relocating a few times, the public library had operated from this building since it was built in 1930. The library was built largely by the help of a local businessman and pioneer, A.H. Brown. Brown had offered the town two lots and a building if the town promised to maintain the library and make the library available to all the residents of Walworth County.

Located at 521 N Main St. Parking available along the street. The library is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.